

## Francis T. Hodges, M. D.

FEW PUBLIC-SPIRITED MEN have been more tireless in their efforts for the good of organized medicine than Francis Traill Hodges. His tragic death in August of this year as a result of injuries received in a dive into a swimming pool saddened many people from one end of the country to the other, for he was widely known and appreciated.

Born in Indianapolis in 1907, he was the fourth generation of a succession of physicians. His higher education was obtained at Harvard and the University of Indiana. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Indiana in 1933 and began general practice in San Francisco in 1937. He is survived by his wife and three young children.

He served with the United States Navy during World War II and was in the Pacific Theater. He attained the rank of Captain, and found time to continue with Naval Reserve activities until the eve of his death.

Dr. Hodges was a very active delegate to the California Medical Association from the San Francisco Medical Society. He took great interest in the formation of the American Academy of General Practice, and in 1953 he served as President of the California Academy of General Practice.

He became a trustee of C.P.S. in 1951, and was President of the organization for the three years

ending in May of 1956. He remained on the Board of Trustees and on the Executive Committee of the Board. He was the Commissioner to the National Blue Shield from the 11th District, comprising the western states and Hawaii, and he was past president of the Western Conference of Prepaid Medical Care Plans.

In addition to all of these activities, he found time to participate in the affairs of the Episcopal Diocese of California and to be a director of the Canon Kip Community Center. He was active on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. He was a member of the Olympic and Commonwealth Clubs, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and he took an active interest in aquatic sports and sports car activities. Besides all this, he wrote numerous and worthy articles on medical and related subjects. He was in practice in San Francisco and his home was in Marin County. How did he do it all? Those of us who knew him wondered and marveled.

It has been the privilege of this writer to spend many days and hours with him over the conference table, and to observe his calmness, wisdom and fairness. By all he was respected, by many admired, and by those who knew him best, beloved.

T. ERIC REYNOLDS, M.D.

## In Memoriam

BRIGGS, GEORGE ABIEL. Died June 10, 1956, aged 76. Graduate of the University of California School of Medicine, Berkeley-San Francisco, 1905. Licensed in California in 1906. Doctor Briggs was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.



CLARKE, GEORGE W. Died in Los Angeles, March 21, 1956, aged 83, of heart disease. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 1896. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Clarke was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.



FALCONER, ERNEST H. Died in Los Gatos, August 11, 1956, aged 73, of heart disease. Graduate of McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 1911. Licensed in California in 1915. Doctor Falconer was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.



FINKELBERG, IVAN L. Died in San Bernardino, July 18, 1956, aged 65, of hypertension. Graduate of the Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University, Chicago, 1916. Licensed in California in 1917. Doctor Finkelberg was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society.

FOX, ANN M. Died in Van Nuys, July 23, 1956, aged 40. Graduate of the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, New York, 1943. Licensed in California in 1947. Doctor Fox was an associate member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society.



HODGES, FRANCIS T. Died in Santa Barbara, August 15, 1956, aged 49, of injuries received in a dive into a swimming pool. Graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine, Bloomington-Indianapolis, 1933. Licensed in California in 1938. Doctor Hodges was a member of the San Francisco Medical Society.



HOHANSHELT, ANNA S. Died August 8, 1956, aged 64. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1919. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Hohanshelt was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



MCCRACKEN, EARL JOSEPH. Died July 17, 1956, aged 43. Graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Kentucky, 1947. Licensed in California in 1952. Doctor McCracken was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**MEREDITH, HAROLD HAMILTON.** Died in Oakland, August 6, 1956, aged 77, of coronary thrombosis. Graduate of the Gross Medical College, Denver, 1899. Licensed in California in 1918. Doctor Meredith was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, a life member of the California Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association.

**ROBERTS, BUFORD B.** Died in Inglewood, July 9, 1956, aged 56, of heart disease. Graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, 1927. Licensed in California in 1935. Doctor Roberts was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**SEAL, HERMAN.** Died in Encino, July 2, 1956, aged 56, of heart disease. Graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, 1922. Licensed in California in 1946. Doctor Seal was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**SHUMAN, JOHN WILLIAM, SR.** Died in Los Angeles, August 4, 1956, aged 71. Graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, 1910. Licensed in California in 1920. Doctor Shuman was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

**SWANSON, ALBERT J.** Died in Costa Mesa, July 10, 1956, aged 73, of cancer. Graduate of the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, 1908. Licensed in California in 1930. Doctor Swanson was a retired member of the Santa Bar-

bara County Medical Society and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

**TERRILL, ELWYN EUGENE.** Died in Pasadena, July 30, 1956, aged 56, of cancer. Graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda-Los Angeles, 1927. Licensed in California in 1927. Doctor Terrill was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**TURKEL, ASHER SIGMUND.** Died in Los Angeles July 14, 1956, aged 52, of coronary thrombosis. Graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford-San Francisco, 1933. Licensed in California in 1933. Doctor Turkel was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

**WAHLE, HENRY.** Died in Oakland, July 22, 1956, aged 86, of cardiac failure due to coronary arteriosclerosis. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine and Surgery, Chicago, 1897. Licensed in California in 1918. Doctor Wahle was a retired member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

**ZAISER, HARRY E.** Died in August, 1956, aged 77. Graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1902. Licensed in California in 1914. Doctor Zaiser was a retired member of the Orange County Medical Association and the California Medical Association, and an associate member of the American Medical Association.

